(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the decline in tea export is due to restriction in export policy; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to remove such trade restrictions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Volume of tea exports from India during 1982 to 1991 was in range of 190 to 217 m.kgs per year.

(b) The percentage share of export from India in relation to total world export declined from 28..3% in 1981 to 17.8% in 1991. However, the actual quantities went up from 190.69 m.kgs. in 1982 to 202.92 k.kgs. in 1991.

(c) The decline in India's share in the global tea trade has been mainly due to increasing domestic consumption and stiff competition from other tea producing countries namely Sr. Lanka, Kenya, Indonesia & China.

(d) and (e). No, Sir, there is no restriction on export of tea.

Export of Medicines

5968. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Medicines are being exported;

(b) if so, the names of the medicines exported during each of the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned there from?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major groups of items of Drugs, Drug-intermediates Pharmaceuticals and finished formulations exported from the country during the last 3 years are Anaesthetics, Antacid, Anticulcer Agents Antifungal, Anti-Dysentary drugs/Amoebicides, Anthelmintic, Expectorants, Anti infectives, Antiseptics, Antibiotics, Analgesics Antipyretics, Antibacterial, Antidiabetic, Gout suppressant, Antimalarials, Anterior Pituitary suppressant, Immunosuppressant, Anti Nepotistic agents, Cardiovascular, Antihistamines, Antiasthamatics, L-Cystine, Sulphamethexazole, Laxatives, Digestive/Stomachics, Ethambutol Hydrochloride, Vitamins and Ayurvedic and Unani medicines.

Exports have been mainly to USSAR, USA, U.K., Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland and Australia.

(c) The value of exports of medicines (Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and formulations etc.) for the last 3 years is given below:

Year	*Export (Rs. crores)*
1989-90	664.7
1990-91	784.8
1991-92	934.6
(April 1991 to February, 1992)	

(Source: Basin Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay).